

Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
	09/939,932		RUSSELL, GARY	
	Examiner		Art Unit	
	James A. Thompson		2625	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) James A. Thompson.

(3) Tom Humphrey (Reg. # 34,353).

(2) Gary Russell.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 13 December 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: samples of printing performed by invention and samples of printing performed by other types of printers.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 8.

Identification of prior art discussed: N/A.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: see attached.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Substance of Interview

Applicant and Applicant's representative presented samples of printing performed by printers that are standard in the art, along with samples of printing performed by printers using Applicant's invention. The difference in clarity and tonal reproduction was demonstrated by comparison. Next, there was a discussion of the specifics behind the tonal reproduction of Applicant's invention, including the use of a particular spacing in the dot growth pattern which prevents various printing artifacts that occur during printing onto particular surfaces. Examiner stated that he had not yet seen this particular invention in the art. However, these features are not yet recited in the claims. Examiner also stated that he would need to further consider any amendments to the claims and a further search of the prior art would be required. Applicant stated that amendments to the claims were forthcoming and Examiner agreed to consider any such amendments in due course.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James A. Thompson whose telephone number is 571-272-7441. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on 571-272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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